

# News Release



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## **REMINDER!**

### **California State Parks to Ban Alcohol at Silver Strand State Beach Over Labor Day Weekend**

Unruly Drinkers Force Temporary Ban at San Diego Beach

As the Labor Day Weekend approaches, California State Parks wants to remind the public that there is a temporary ban on the consumption of alcohol at Silver Strand State Beach from Friday, August 29, 2008 through Monday, September 1, 2008.

"We have reviewed public safety data and have determined that a temporary alcohol ban is necessary to maintain a quality beach experience for Silver Strand visitors over this busy holiday weekend," said State Park District Superintendent Ronilee Clark. "During July 2008, the number of alcohol-related arrests and citations issued at this beach equals that for all of 2005, 2006 and 2007 combined. In addition, our lifeguards have documented a dramatic increase in alcohol-related rescues there this summer."

The alcohol ban will not affect the Silver Strand campground – alcohol will be permitted in individual campsites. The ban is in effect only during Labor Day weekend. There will be no grace period.

"We are committed to maintaining a safe, enjoyable family-oriented beach experience for our visitors," said Superintendent Clark. "We will continue to monitor alcohol-related arrests and citations at Silver Strand in the months ahead."

Staffing at Silver Strand State Beach includes fully-sworn State Park Peace Officers who have the full authority and the same training as local police and sheriffs.

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